

Earned Schedule

www.earnedschedule.com

Earned Schedule (ES) introduces the concept of adding ES into a project management repertoire. ES discusses the difficulty of measuring schedule performance in dollars instead of units of time. ES is derived from Earned Value Management (EVM), but explores alternatives to EVM schedule tracking. It is derived from and is an extension to EVM. No additional data is needed for acquiring the ES measures; only the data from EVM is needed. In contrast to the cost-based indicators from EVM, the ES schedule performance indicators are time-based, making them easier to comprehend. The ES indicators provide a status and predictive ability for schedule, analogous to the facility for cost using EVM.

Software Technology Support Center

www.stsc.hill.af.mil

The U.S. Air Force's Software Technology Support Center (STSC) provides the Guidelines for Successful Acquisition and Management of Software Intensive Systems at <www.stsc.hill.af.mil/resources/tech_docs/gsam4.html>. A streamlined version of the content is provided and broken up into chapters for desktop usable access, as well as an

overview of important software acquisition and development topics, helpful checklists for rapid self-inspection, and acquisition and management of software pointers. The STSC also oversees CROSSTALK, offering monthly articles aimed at the software technology industry.

Software Engineering Institute

www.sei.cmu.edu

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